

# CCP EnviroNews

May 2003

## Environmental News from the CCP - Saukville Facility

### Welcome to the Fourth Edition of CCP EnviroNews

**EnviroNews** is one way for CCP to share information with neighbors and the Saukville community about new developments relating to CCP's environmental programs and performance. In this issue, you can read about:

- \* How CCP is responding to noise complaints;
- \* The status of the Cooperative Environmental Agreement with DNR;
- \* CCP's Community Advisory Committee; and
- \* How to get more information the CCP products and the chemicals it emits to the environment.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about CCP operations, please contact Plant Manager Glenn Preisler at 268-3395.

### CCP Working on Reducing Noise

When we surveyed our neighbors and the Saukville community-at-large last summer, one of the things you told us was that sometimes activities at the CCP Saukville facility are too loud. In addition, we received six noise complaints in 2002—three related to handling of empty drums, two due to the tank alarm system and one related to water blasting of equipment. At their October meeting, our Community Advisory Committee also stressed the need for us to try to do something about the number of alarms going off, especially at night. So, what are we going to do about it?

First, CCP staff evaluated using two-way radios instead of the PA system but it just wouldn't work. Then we took a close look at the computer logs from the alarm system and noticed that, of the 1100 alarms that went off during a five month period, two tanks (out of the 96 tanks on the alarm system)

accounted for over 300 of the alarms. Those two tanks seemed like a good place to start.

We are evaluating changes in the alarm sensors and training employees to try to silence alarms within 15 seconds. However, it is often a balancing act to try to reduce complaints from our neighbors without putting the safety of our employees at risk. We hope to achieve the right balance that keeps employees safe and allows our neighbors to sleep through the night. If we are successful in reducing the number and/or duration of alarms for these tanks, we will work on other tanks causing the most alarms.

We will continue to report our progress at Community Advisory Committee meetings and in this newsletter. Our goals are to reduce the number of times the alarms go off and also increase the number of neighbors who call to tell us about loud noises when they do occur. **If a loud noise bothers you and you think it is coming from the CCP facility, call 284-0555 during the day or 268-3399 after hours.**

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ABOUT THE DRAFT AIR PERMIT ISSUED TO CCP BY THE DNR**

**MAY 14, 2003**

**At the CCP Saukville facility  
340 Railroad Street**

At this meeting, DNR staff will summarize and explain the key provisions in the DRAFT air permit for CCP that the DNR will be seeking public comments on. Learn more about the permit so you can provide comments later to the DNR. See the enclosed flyer from the DNR about the permit issuance process.

## **Status of Cooperative Environmental Agreement with DNR**

In October 2001, CCP and the Department of Natural Resources signed an Environmental Cooperative Agreement. In exchange for prompt DNR review and evaluation of its proposed waste management changes, CCP agreed to stop fueling its incinerator with hazardous waste solvents and to make the reaction water from its chemical production operations non-hazardous by installing new Macro Porous Polymer Extraction (MPPE) technology. This MPPE unit now removes the xylene and other solvents that made the wastewater a hazardous waste.

In this agreement with DNR, CCP also committed to--

- ◆ Apply waste minimization and pollution prevention to eliminate or significantly reduce the waste streams that are burned in its incinerator or otherwise emitted to the environment.
- ◆ Implement an Environmental Management System to continuously minimize environmental impacts, conserve natural resources and work cooperatively with our neighbors and the community.
- ◆ Integrate health, safety and environmental considerations into the design, production, use and ultimate disposal of its products.

So...how are we doing?

- ◆ We are no longer burning hazardous waste in the incinerator. Spent solvents are now shipped offsite for reclamation and then reused.
- ◆ CCP employees have identified how to reduce solvents used for cleaning kettles from 1.7 million pounds a year to less than 1.2 million pounds a year.
- ◆ We have introduced a new product line of coatings and polymers which contain low amounts of hazardous chemicals that help our customers reduce emissions and meet Clean Air Act requirements. As a result, CCP now purchases far less solvents and has much less solvent waste to manage.
- ◆ CCP has studied various ways to remove glycol from its waste streams, but we have not as yet

found a cost-effective, environmentally beneficial way to do this.

- ◆ For the last three years, CCP's Community Advisory Committee has been meeting to share environmental and health concerns with the company and provide input into CCP's environmental programs.
- ◆ CCP tackled neighborhood odor concerns by asking neighbors to immediately call when there were odor problems so CCP can track down the source. With help from the Community Advisory Committee, we developed odor-reporting forms and instructions, tested them and then sent them to over 200 people in the community in our newsletter.
- ◆ CCP is in the process of developing its Environmental Management System for the Saukville facility.

We have made important improvements but there is more that can be done. Over the next several years, we plan to continue to seek new ways to reduce the amount and toxicity of toxic chemicals used at our facility, to continuously improve our environmental operations and reduce our environmental impacts, to make environmentally friendly products and to continue to involve our neighbors and the Saukville community in these efforts.

### **CCP Community Advisory Committee Members**

Matt Geib—CCP employee  
Charles Kroeger—plant neighbor  
Ann Lemons—village trustee  
Carol Diggelman—professor at the Milwaukee  
School of Engineering  
Jerry Dickmann—utility superintendent  
Pat Brady—DNR Southeast Region  
Tari Emerson—Charter Steel  
Ray Meyer—plant neighbor  
Bill Stolte—Ozaukee Co. Emergency Planning  
Tim Lewein—neighbor  
Paul Utecht—CCP employee and neighbor  
Dale and Denise Jacoby—plant neighbors  
Barb Dickmann—village president

## **CCP Looking for a Few Good People**

The CCP Community Advisory Committee has provided invaluable help to CCP and Saukville. They have helped design an odor reporting system that encourages neighbors to quickly call in odor problems, helps CCP employees to identify the source of the problem and take actions to stop it and minimize future odor problems. As noted in the first article above, the committee has also targeted loud noise at the CCP Saukville facility as an important neighbor concern and brainstormed some possible solutions to the problem with CCP plant managers. This is a group that makes a difference!

The committee, which meets four times a year, gets updates on new CCP projects, regulatory issues and environmental performance. Discussion topics have included hazardous waste management, pollution prevention activities, CCP's air permit from the DNR and the environmental management system for the CCP Saukville facility. Committee members share their ideas on how to improve CCP operations and community outreach.

We are looking for a few good people—we would really like to add a few more plant neighbors or Saukville residents to the committee. For an investment of only six hours a year, you can help us to protect the environment in the Saukville area and be a good corporate neighbor. If you are interested or would like to learn more about being a member of the Community Advisory Committee, please contact Plant Manager Glenn Preisler at 268-3395.

### **CCP HOTLINE**

**For odor, noise or other complaints**

**During business hours--284-0555**

**After hours--268-3399**

## **Find Out More**

If you would like to know more about CCP, the products it makes and the chemicals it uses and emits to the environment, there are two easy ways to do it.

You can go to the Saukville Library and ask for the CCP binder, which includes: general information on the CCP Saukville facility (plant contacts, products, production levels, employment, CCP and its parent company), the CCP Health, Safety and Environmental Charter, list of chemicals used, the Coatings Care and Composites Care Programs, CCP community outreach efforts, the CCP Community Advisory Committee, the Cooperative Environmental Agreement with the DNR and DNR permits, pollution limits and contacts.

If you want to delve even deeper into CCP and the CCP Saukville facility or you just don't want to go all the way to the library, there is a wealth of information available on the Internet. Following is a list of web addresses and the information you can find at each. Happy surfing!

### **www.ccponline.com**

This is CCP's corporate web site. It provides a brief history of the company, a map showing the locations of the 14 plants owned by CCP in the U.S. and Canada, the CCP Health, Safety and Environment Charter

And information on the chemical products that CCP makes and what they are used for. These include:

- gel coats and composite polyester resins (used for truck cabs, boats, furniture, tubs and shower stalls),
- coatings resins (used for agricultural and construction equipment, metal office furniture, automotive components, wood finishes and architectural applications),
- maintenance products (polishes and cleaners for marble and tile floors, environmentally friendly deck preservatives and production equipment cleaners).

**<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cea/ecpp/agreements/cook/index.htm>**

This is the Department of Natural Resources' web page about the Cooperative Environmental Agreement with CCP. It contains the agreement itself, a short fact sheet about the agreement for those who don't want to wade all the way through it, a status report on implementation of the agreement and CCP's *EnviroNews* newsletters.

**[http://oaspub.epa.gov/enviro/tris\\_control.tris\\_print?tris\\_id=53080FRMNCRAILR](http://oaspub.epa.gov/enviro/tris_control.tris_print?tris_id=53080FRMNCRAILR)**

This is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) web page for the CCP Saukville facility. It provides a summary of toxics release data from 1987 to 2000. It also provides the names and amounts of chemicals released to the environment each year, transferred to offsite locations, discharged to the sewage treatment plant or managed as wastes.

**<http://www.epa.gov/cgi-bin/get1cReport.cgi?tool=echo&IDNumber=WI D980615439>**

This EPA web site tells whether: EPA or State/local governments have conducted compliance inspections at the CCP Saukville facility, whether violations were detected, enforcement actions were taken and/or penalties were assessed in response to environmental law violations during the last two years.

**[http://prodmtex00.dnr.state.wi.us/pls/inter1/pk\\_esr\\_web.facility\\_profile?i\\_where\\_seq=8491](http://prodmtex00.dnr.state.wi.us/pls/inter1/pk_esr_web.facility_profile?i_where_seq=8491)**

This is the DNR FACT System Facility Profile for CCP. It lists all DNR programs involved with this facility and all the chemical releases reported to the DNR, including air fugitive emissions, air stack emissions, discharges to surface waters, hazardous waste generated and offsite transfers. (Data for 1996 through 1998 are provided; data for 1999 through 2001 are still under review by WDNR and are not yet available to the public.

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